

**Amendments to the Abstract**

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A halftone image original is converted into a line screen halftone image ~~comprising~~ including regularly spaced-apart screen lines 5 that are modulated in their width  $y$  in accordance with the tonal value to be represented. According to the invention, width  $y$  of screen lines 5 is modulated only on one side so that screen lines 5 are flat on one side and width-modulated on one side. Various examples are stated for how this screen line modulation permits effective copy protection.